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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicant

GEORGE H. BLUME

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Serial No.:10/715,043

For: VALVE BODY WITH INTEGRAL  
SEAL RETENTION GROOVE

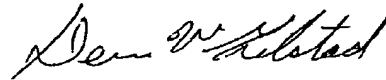
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